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AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CISCO II

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1. CONSULAR OFFICER PRIMED TO FLY TO KASSALA TO MEET CISCO II AND ESCORT THEM TO KHARTOUM FOR PASSPORT ISSUANCE AND ONWARD TRAVEL. AGREE WITH AMB. HUMMEL THAT DIRECT EMBASSY CONTACT WITH ELF/PLF REPS TO BE AVOIDED AND BELIEVE SUDANESE AUTHORITIES WILL SHARE WITH VIEW AND ASSIST ACCORDINGLY. SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE TO KASSALA IS TWICE WEEKLY, TUESDAY AND SATURDAY. WE ARE RELUCTANT DISPATCH CONSULAR OFFICER WITHOUT FIRMER INFORMATION ON TIMING OF CISCO II BORDER CROSSING. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE SUDANESE AUTHORITIES WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH OFFICIAL PLANE ON SHORT NOTICE.

2. RE REPORT OF ALLEGED PLF DESIRE ESCORT CISCO II TO KHARTOUM FOR PRESENTATION TO EMBASSY, WE EXPECT THAT SUDANESE AUTHORITIES WOULD AGREE THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY ARE UNACCEPTABLE. SUGGEST BEST WAY OUT OF THIS POTENTIAL DILEMMA WOULD BE TO INFORM OUR SUDANESE CONTACT IN CONFIDENCE OF ALLEGED PLF SCHEME AND
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REQUEST THAT SUDANESE OFFICIAL IN KASSALA TAKE CISCO II

IN HAND UPON ARRIVAL FROM ETHIOPIA AND ESCORT THEM TO
KHARTOUM FOR DELIVERY TO EMBASSY UNENCUMBERED BY PLF REPS.
IF DEPT. APPROVES THIS COURSE OF ACTION AND SUDANESE AGREE,
BELIEVE PRESENCE OF CONSULAR OFFICER IN KASSALA WOULD BE
UNNECESSARY AND PERHAPS UNWISE IN VIEW OF DESIRE TO AVOID
CONTACT WITH PLF REPS. SUDANESE ALSO LIKELY TO PREFER
HANDLING MATTER ALONE. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

3. FOR ASMARA. PLEASE CABLE INFORMATION FOR USE IN EVENT
PASSPORTS NEED BE ISSUED HERE.
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